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Invention: VALVE TIMING ADJUSTING DEVICE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.